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Re:

Marks & Spencer p.l.c. (File No. 82-1961)

Submission of Information Pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of our client, Marks & Spencer p.l.c. (File No. 82-1961), and pursuant to their exemption under Rule 12g3-2(b), please find enclosed a copy of one (1) announcements released to the London Stock Exchange (the "LSE") on February 6, 2004.

We would appreciate receiving acknowledgment of your receipt of this information by date stamping the second copy of the above materials and returning it to us in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Yours sincerely,

Mason H. Drake

Authorized Representative

Enclosures

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press release

Issued: Friday 6 February 2004

RESIGNATION OF MARKS & SPENCER NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Marks and Spencer Group plc is announcing that in view of her increasing

commitments to London's bid for the Olympic Games for 2012, Barbara Cassani has

resigned from the Board as a Non-Executive Director, with effect from 30 April 2004.

Luc Vandevelde, Chairman said: "I am sorry that Barbara has decided to leave the

Board, but I fully understand her desire to concentrate solely on bringing the Olympics

to Britain in 2012. Marks & Spencer would not wish to distract her in any way from

such an important cause and my colleagues on the Board join me in wishing her

success and thank her for her contribution."

Barbara Cassani said: "Whilst I would have liked to stay longer at Marks & Spencer, I

do not believe I am able to give the role of Non-Executive Director the attention it

deserves without it affecting my focus on the task of leading the Olympic bid."

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